

Attendees:

Chiamaka Mounেকে (CM), Daniel Wells (Peabody) (DW), Deborah Frimpong (DF) Chair, Derek Sewell (DS), Gez Kellaghan (Peabody), Giles Piercy (GP), Julius Ariko (JA), Kate Batchelor (Peabody), Keith Hawe Jones (KHJ), Ozge (Community Researcher), Tracey Megson (TM)

Apologies:

Sue Pollock, Beatrice Anaman.

Welcome

DF welcomed everyone

Peabody update

GK said that had been no ASB Task Group meeting but one planned for this week that KHJ and JA are attending and will update at next meeting.

KB mentioned discussion about bins following email from KHJ. Peabody looking to replace and add to the bins across Thamesmead - there is a huge mixture and had lots of feedback about bins.

Peabody making big investment in bins. They ran procurement exercise (bins are expensive). Have shared image of bin and getting samples made up. Overall buying around 50 bins. There will be a phased installation across Thamesmead and will be installed by Peabody environment team alongside their work. Parks will be the priority for installation. Jack Gower will be creating a map online and will share.



Land ownership been looking at landownership in relation to litter picking - the Crossway steps have been adopted by RBG. The grass verges though belong to the individual houses. This is not ideal as people may not even realise it is their responsibility. Peabody has written to the management company to explore further.

DS asked if there was a process for updating the council about other areas where there are issues. E.g. DS mentioned areas where there are 1,000s of dropped bottles.

KB mentioned that Peabody is looking to build a much better map of Thamesmead showing who owns what – they have recently bought new GIS system.

KB also mentioned that can go onto land registry to enquire about land ownership - costs £3 per search.

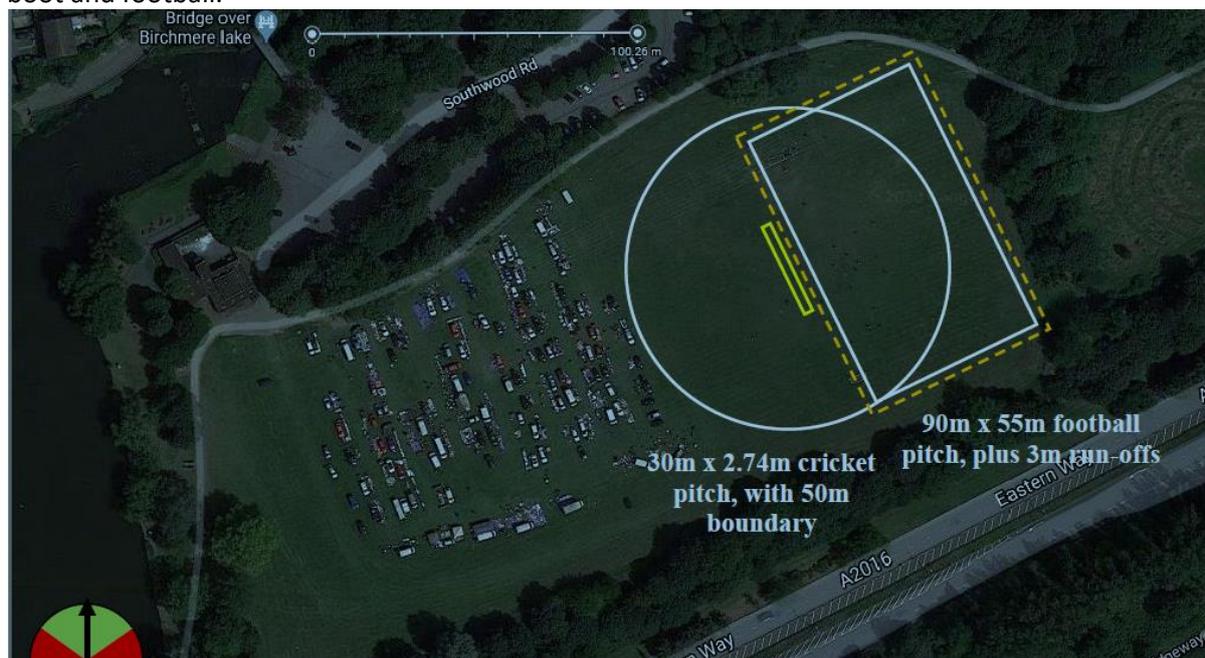
KB said in the meantime though, keep flagging to her other areas in need of work.

Update from Dan Wells

Cricket Pitch

DW mentioned that had funding to restore the Birchmere cricket pitch. It will be installed week beginning 3rd May 2021 – plan for launch date in May / June.

KHJ asked where the pitch will be. DW keen to say that will not intrude on existing activity e.g. car boot and football.



Thamesmead Family Mile - community-led programme to train people to lead walk - aiming for 10-15 ambassadors - so far have six recruited. Going well soon people will see banners and flyers advertising this - any questions ask DW.

Thamesmead Cycle Hub - Sporting Club Thamesmead will be the base - series of sessions on Saturdays for adults to take part in social bike rides - plans to increase sessions and numbers able to take part. Working with schools to increase bike use locally.

Shaping Healthier Places - aims to strengthen social connections - in the discovery phase and are holding focus groups at the moment to discover what issues are and what the barriers to services are. Also a survey for people to fill in <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tmshapingplaces> deadline 4th May.

Food Club in Christian Life Centre - being developed with Christian Life centre - people become members -

AOB

Tidy Central Thamesmead

DS had update on Tidy Central Thamesmead (TCT) - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qLZZx6oxdwMsPD8ACT17oiytaRsXgsSmoudiWEr4cDU/edit?usp=sharing>

Facebook Page is growing have met elderly couple that are picking up litter but were not aware of TCT.

Caravan that had been there for a year has been removed!

DS said that has had lots of positive feedback from people. Common theme is that people have complained to the council in the past and got no traction.

Mentioned area by the leisure centre where they cleared 100s of plastic bottles.

Problems:

- People just keep dropping litter.
- Litter is always worse when large bins are put out - wind blows it about.
- Litter bins need to be improved.
- TFL have policy that you need to wear a mask - lots of people littering with masks by bus stops.
- Unclaimed / disputed land is an issue but seeing great progress from Peabody.

KHJ mentioned that he has been looking at the areas by the Thames Water facility which is a mess and a dumping ground "the further you go in the worse it gets" KHJ has been writing to local ward Cllrs about this but getting no response. The brambles create a curtain for people to fly tip. Picked up car tyre, buckets of paint bags of clothes etc.

Issue with council tip as Bexley residents cannot use Greenwich's Nathan Way.

DS said that he AND KHJ will share a map with KB about the areas that need attention in terms of litter picking.

GK asked if worth thinking about doing a campaign with schools. Could potentially be something that funding could be applied for? DS said that worth thinking about, but capacity is the issue in terms of getting going. DS also said that had been thinking of approaching TACO to see if they would be interested.

TM mentioned art project that had previously been run from the Waterways Children Centre and would be keen to get involved again in any project.

KHJ mentioned something he had seen about community-based litter picking groups.

Greenwich Planning Alliance

DS mentioned this it is a very loose alliance a group of organisations and people that get together to support each other around planning issues and what is going on in the area.

DS suggested that the MNF should join the alliance and DS offered to attend meetings on behalf of the forum.

Local news update that DS send every week.

DS asked about local news. Is anything missing? Any feedback? Not planning to update the website every week but encourage people, to sign up to the weekly newsletter.

Minutes going forward.

GP will be taking the minutes at the next meeting (in May) but after that a member of the forum will need to take minutes.

Birchmere Lake changing rooms.

KHJ had discussed with some friends and neighbours. Lots of ideas came up; new toilets, outdoor gym equipment, café, reopen changing rooms, a new playground (there is nothing in the middle of the Park)

GK said that would discuss these ideas with KB.

Street Light walk

KHJ will provide update at the next forum meeting.

Finances

DF said that there is c. £160 in the Moorings Bank Account

Next meeting

24th May 2021 at 18.00